

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 3

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAMPA OF 1975, AS AMENDED, TO AMEND SECTION 2.02 TO REVISING TERM LIMITS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE MORE THAN A TOTAL OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE, FULL TERMS, EFFECTIVE WITH THE CITY OF TAMPA ELECTION IN 2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, section 2.02 of the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975, as amended, imposes terms limits on members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that a referendum be submitted to the voters of the City of Tampa to amend the Charter to revise the term limits of city council members to limit service to no more than a total of four consecutive, full terms, effective with the City of Tampa election in 2027; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Tampa to submit such issue for referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. That it is hereby proposed that Section 2.02, Qualifications-Limitation on Terms, of the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975, as amended, be amended as follows:

“Section 2.02. Qualifications—Limitation on Terms.

Each member of the city council shall have been a resident and elector of the city for one year immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office for which elected and shall continue to be a resident and elector of the city during the term of office. Additionally, the members of the city council representing districts 4 through 7 shall have been residents of the respective districts from which elected for six months immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office, and each shall

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1 continue to be a resident of the district from which elected during the term
2 of office. No person who has, or but for resignation would have, served as
3 a member of the city council for two consecutive, full terms shall be
4 elected as a council member for the succeeding term; except that a person
5 who has represented districts 1, 2, or 3 may run as a candidate for city
6 council in district 4, 5, 6, or 7 if ~~he~~they meets the residency qualification,
7 and may, if elected, assume a seat on the city council immediately
8 following their ~~his~~ two consecutive, full terms; and except that a person
9 who has served as a city council member representing either district 4, 5,
10 6, or 7 may run as a candidate to represent district 1, 2, or 3 and may, if
11 elected, assume a seat on city council immediately following his two
12 consecutive, full terms representing district 4, 5, 6 or 7. Provided however,
13 without exception, no person who has, or but for resignation would have,
14 served as a member of the city council for a total of four consecutive, full
15 terms shall be elected as a council member for the succeeding term."

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17 **Section 2.** That this ordinance shall be posted and published as provided by
18 law and, except for this Section 2 which shall become effective immediately upon this
19 ordinance becoming a law, shall become effective and operative with the City of Tampa
20 election in 2027 only if it is approved by a majority of vote of the electors of the City of
21 Tampa voting on the question of the approval or disapproval of the same in and at the
22 election to be held in Tampa, Florida, on the day of March 7, 2023. The form of the ballot
23 of the referendum shall be as follows:
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26 "AMENDMENT TO TAMPA CHARTER SECTION 2.02 REGARDING TERM LIMITS OF
27 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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29 Shall the amendment to section 2.02 of the Tampa Charter, revising the
30 term limits of city council members to limit the ability of members of city
31 council to serve more than a total of four consecutive, full terms, effective
32 with the City of Tampa election in 2027, as set out and proposed by City of
33 Tampa Ordinance No. 2023- 3, be ratified and approved:

34 YES – FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
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36 NO – AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT"
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39 If a majority of the electors of the City of Tampa actually voting on such question
40 in such referendum shall vote for the approval of the proposed amendment, then the

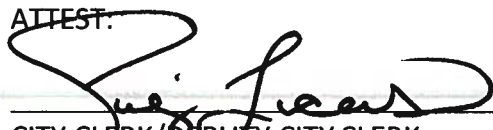
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1 remainder of this ordinance, in addition to this Section 2, shall become effective and
2 operative with the City of Tampa election in 2027 upon the certification of the election
3 results by the Elections Officer of the City of Tampa. If a majority of such electors actually
4 voting on such question in such referendum shall vote against the approval of the
5 proposed amendment, then this ordinance shall not become effective and shall be of no
6 further force and effect.

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8 The Elections Officer of the City of Tampa shall place the foregoing question on the
9 ballot for the March 7, 2023, election to be held in Tampa, Florida.

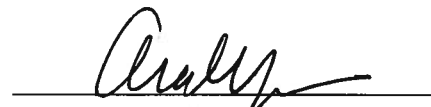
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11 PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA ON
12 Jan 5, 2023

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20 CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM
21 CITY COUNCIL

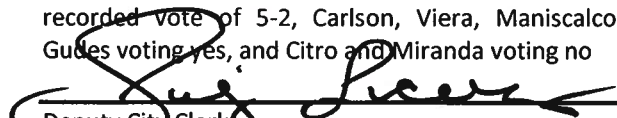
19 ATTEST:
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22 CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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25 APPROVED BY ME ON: _____
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28 JANE CASTOR, MAYOR

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30 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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34 ANDREA ZELMAN
35 CITY ATTORNEY

36 Vetoed by the Mayor on January 18, 2023
37 January 19, 2023
38 Motion made by Councilmember Hurtak and seconded by
39 Councilmember Maniscalco to override the Mayor's veto passed by
40 recorded vote of 5-2, Carlson, Viera, Maniscalco, Hurtak, and
41 Gules voting yes, and Citro and Miranda voting no

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40 Deputy City Clerk

40 Election held on _____
41 Election certified by _____

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43 on _____
Vote: FOR -
AGAINST -

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